

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaged confectionery product comprising:

a plurality of pieces of a confectionery product and a package material formed around the pieces of confectionery product, the package material having one or more ~~seered~~ weakened regions corresponding to at least one location substantially between the pieces of confectionery product and allowing ready access of the pieces of confectionery product wherein the package material includes ~~an metal barrier underlayer that is unseered.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material is ~~seered~~ weakened via a laser cut.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material is ~~seered~~ weakened via a die cut.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the plurality of pieces of confectionery product ~~includes a plurality of pieces is~~ packaged in a rolled-configuration.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material includes a laminate with an outer layer that provides structural integrity and an inner layer that includes the ~~unseered metal barrier~~ underlayer to promote product integrity.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 5 wherein the outer layer is ~~seered~~ weakened to a depth effective to allow accessibility of the confectionery product with a single hand.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of producing a packaged confectionery product comprising:

providing a laminate material having a plurality of ~~scored~~ weakened regions corresponding to locations substantially between pieces of confectionery product, wherein the laminate material includes an inner layer ~~that includes an unsealed metal layer~~; and

packaging ~~[[a]]~~ pieces of confectionery product with the laminate material thereby allowing a user to access the pieces of confectionery product with a single hand.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a laser cut.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 8 wherein the laser cut is performed after lamination of the laminate material.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a die cut.

Claim 11 (original): The method of Claim 10 wherein the die cut is conducted prior to lamination of the laminate material.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate includes an outer layer that acts to provide structural support.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of Claim 12 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened to an effective depth to form the ~~scored~~ weakened regions while the inner layer remains in tact to maintain product integrity.

Claim 14 (original): The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is printable.

Claim 15 (original): The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer is printable.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of preparing a confectionery package material comprising:

forming a laminate having a plurality of laminate layers including an outer layer and an inner layer wherein at least a portion of the outer layer is seored weakened to an effective depth and corresponding to at least one location substantially between pieces of confectionery product; and

allowing single-handed access of [[a]] the pieces of confectionery product packaged with the laminate, ~~and wherein the inner layer includes a metal layer that remains unseored to promote product integrity.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the laminate is seored weakened to form one or more slits spaced apart along [[a]] at least a portion of the outer layer.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is seored weakened after lamination of the laminate layers.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18 wherein the outer layer is seored weakened via a laser cutting process.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is seored weakened prior to lamination of the laminate layers.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method of Claim 20 wherein the outer layer is seored weakened via a cutting process selected from the group consisting of a die cutting process and a laser cutting process.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the confectionery package material is used to package the pieces of confectionery product in a rolled-configuration.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is printable.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer includes a first layer that is printable and adjacent to the outer layer.

Claim 25 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein an opened section of the package material can hang from a remaining portion of the package material after a piece of confectionery product has been removed.

Claim 26 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the underlayer comprises a metal barrier.

Claim 27 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the underlayer is unweakened to promote product integrity.

Claim 28 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 7 wherein the inner layer is unweakened to promote product integrity.

Claim 29 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 7 wherein the inner layer comprises a metal layer.

Claim 30 (new): The method of Claim 16 wherein the inner layer comprises a metal layer that remains unweakened to promote product integrity.